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MINUTES OPEN SESSION MEETING November 25 2013 6:00 P.M.

Mayor Spratt called the meeting of November 25, 2013, to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Hurlock Town Office located at 311 Charles Street. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Reverend Paul Bovankovich said the opening prayer. The roll call was then taken. Those in attendance were: Councilmembers Durham, Cephas, Adams, Henry, Nordstrom, Mayor Spratt, Attorney Robert Merriken, and Clerk Avery.

The Agenda was approved with a Motion made by Councilman Durham. Councilman Nordstrom seconded the Motion. With no discussion, the Motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

The Minutes of the Open Session Meeting held on November 12, 2013 were approved. Councilman Durham made a Motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Adams stated there was one change. In the 3rd paragraph, it states that Councilman Adams made a correction to Mr. Charles Dotson's name. Councilman Henry actually made the correction and this change will be reflected in the minutes. Councilman Henry seconded the Motion to include the change. With no further discussion, the Motion was passed and carried with a vote of 4-0. Councilman Nordstrom was absent from that meeting and could not vote on the minutes.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Spratt announced that the Town received a thank you note from Mrs. Frances Quailes for a Resolution that was issued a few weeks ago per her request. On this day a Resolution was issued for Mrs. Virginia Wands who died last week.

The Mayor and Clerk Avery visited the Medical Center on this date. It is open and a lot of work has been done on the office and it looks beautiful. Anyone is welcome to just stop in and say hello.

It was hoped the meeting would be televised tonight, but there was a configuration problem in the Cambridge BCC office. It should be taken care of by next week for the swearing in of the new Councilmembers on Monday December 2nd at 8:00 p.m. The channel number will be 82. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday December 9th with the new council and will be the only meeting held for the month of December.

Mayor Spratt announced the Christmas Parade would be held on December 14th. Mid-Shore Recyclers is holding a Christmas tree decorating contest on the same date, then the trees will be auctioned. The proceeds will go to the Hurlock Police Department to benefit the "Bears that Care" program. The Town is going to decorate a tree using a train theme. If there are any questions, contact Clerk Avery or Mayor Spratt. The judging of the house-decorating contest will be December 23rd, with prizes of \$100, \$75. & \$50.

The Mayor announced that part of Mill Street that runs by the Train Station would be one-way from Main Street to Charles.

This is the last council meeting with Councilman Henry, Councilman Nordstrom and Councilman Adams. The Councilmen were presented a gift from the Mayor along with their nameplates.

The employee Christmas Party will be December 21st and the outgoing Councilmembers are invited to attend.

County Councilman Rick Price Report – Councilman Price could not be in attendance and left a written report for the Mayor to read. (Please see attached).

Department Reports – Chief of Police Les Hutton reported that all has been quiet for the last 2 weeks. School is closed from Wednesday through Sunday for the holiday, so please keep an eye out for children playing. Chief Hutton also reminded citizens that the weather is getting very cold and to watch for any homeless people.

Old Business - None

New Business - Clerk Avery reported that a routine test was conducted on Well #4. A decline in the capability and production of the well was found to exist in the mid-range of the operating curve. It was also found that there have been vibrations noted in the well. The report read that a vertical turbine pump assembly for well #4 is operating below the designed curve and should be pulled and inspected to determine the cause of insufficient performance. The cost would be \$2450.00 for the inspection. Any follow-up work would be at an additional cost. This is the same situation the Town found with Well #3. Clerk Avery asked the Council for approval to go forward with having the well pulled and inspected. Repairs of similar nature of well #3 were approximately \$17,000.00. Clerk Avery advised that there was about \$17,000 still available in the budget under water system repairs. Councilman Durham made a Motion to move forward with the

inspection and potential repair of well #4. Councilman Henry seconded the Motion. With no discussion, the Motion was passed and carried with a vote of 5-0.

Clerk Avery announced that currently the Town is under contract with Southern Corrosion to have the water tank inspected on an annual basis. Their service includes; draining and cleaning the interior of the tank every 5 years, cleaning and painting the exterior of the tank every 9 years, clean and coat the interior of the tank every 15 years. The contract currently has an annual cost of \$10,600.00. The company's proposal is to renew the current contract with a perpetual contract at an annual cost of \$9849.00, approximately \$800.00 less per year. There is an inflation price included that is tied to the consumer price index. If the index remains as it is now the annual cost would be what it is now after seven years. The contract would be to visually inspect the tower annually, make any repairs necessary. Every 5 years, drain the inside and clean the tank, then every 9 years the exterior is painted. Every 15 years the interior would be drained, completely cleaned and recoated. This would take approximately 20-25 days, so the tank would be out of service for that length of time. Clerk Avery is asking the Council to go forward with a new contract that begins at \$9849.00 per year as opposed to 10,600.00 that is being paid now. Councilman Durham made a Motion to go forward with the new contract with Southern Erosion for \$9849.00. Councilman Henry seconded the Motion. Councilman Nordstrom asked how the Town would receive water if the tank is out of commission. Clerk Avery responded that the wells are turned on and run constantly. Blow off valves, like the one at Oak and Main Streets, are used to maintain constant pressure. There are 2 of them installed in the Town; another one is near the waste water plant. They are set to maintain a constant water supply pressure of 45 lbs. Normally the wells would come on when the tank reaches its low level and shut off when it reaches its high level, and maintain that level in the water tank. After a discussion, the Motion was passed and carried with a vote of 5-0 and no one opposed.

Agenda Requests – None

Councilmen Comments - Councilman Durham reiterated what Chief of Police Hutton stated regarding keeping a look out for the homeless in Town during the cold weather. Also to watch out for animals in distress due to the cold. Call the Town Office if there are concerns about either of these issues. Councilman Durham thanked the outgoing Councilmembers for their service to the Town.

Mayor Spratt asked if any citizens know of anyone living alone, to contact the Town Office so they can update their list. In case of snow or bad storms and severe cold weather, these people can be checked on.

Councilman Cephas informed Chief Hutton if the police come across homeless people to contact Monroe Quailes or Reverend Dickerson. Councilman Cephas reported that Mr. Quailes is doing well after surgery.

Councilman Nordstrom apologized for missing the last meeting. He thanked the citizens for allowing him to serve. Councilman Nordstrom wished the new council good luck.

He also thanked Gary Henry, Christopher Adams and Parker Durham and said he enjoyed working with them.

Councilman Adams thanked the Town for allowing him to serve them for 4 years and encouraged everyone to work together. He also announced he has a stray dog if anyone is interested.

Councilman Henry congratulated the new councilmembers. He stated he is very willing to help in any way and said everyone should pull together for one cause..... the betterment of the Town of Hurlock.

Mayor Spratt announced the Audit Report would be presented at the 1st meeting in January. The Council has a copy of the Treasurer's Report. The Mayor reported that Warwick Fulfillment has been sold, and the building is being leased from Warwick. The trucking company has moved to the long brick building on Rt. 392. Alfred Hughes bought the long brick building. There is going to be 3 businesses in the building; one of them being an upscale salon where you can have your hair done, get a massage, etc. The other 2 businesses will be announced at a later date.

Ms. Blanch Powell stated she heard Taylor Avenue was going to be made into a one-way street and asked for verification. The Mayor said it is not being done to the whole Avenue. It is from Railroad Ave. to Travers. Ms. Powell wanted to express her opposition to that being done. It has never been a one-way street and feels there are other ways to deal with the situation. The busses do not have a problem and suggested the Town trim the trees on that road. There was considerable discussion on this issue and Ms. Powell's concerns were noted.

Patricia Finley spoke about funding the spay/neuter of cats by Snip & Tuck. Clerk Avery said there is \$2000.00 in the budget to fund some of the process. There was considerable discussion on this. Councilman Nordstrom stated that any donations made should go to the area from where they came from. Councilman Nordstrom said he would find out from Chincoteague where they got their funds for their cat spay/neuter program.

David Carrier, representing the Hurlock Fire Company, stated the fire company was concerned about the water pressure, but that issue was straightened out. Everything is good.

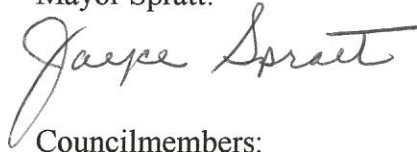
Councilman Nordstrom congratulated Mayor Spratt on her re-election.


There being no further business or discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.



Respectively submitted,


John Avery
Clerk/Treasurer

Approved: Mayor Spratt:


Councilmembers:




MOTIONS AND VOTES BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

OPEN SESSION MEETING

NOVEMBER 25, 2013

Motion to approve the Agenda was made by Councilman Durham. Councilman Nordstrom seconded the Motion and it passed with a vote of 5-0, with no one opposed.

Councilman Durham made a Motion to approve the minutes of November 12, 2013. Councilman Henry seconded the Motion. With a vote of 4-0, the Motion to approve the minutes was passed and carried with 1 change mentioned. Councilman Nordstrom was unable to vote on the minutes, as he was absent for the meeting.

Councilman Durham made a Motion to move forward with the inspection and potential repair of well #4. Councilman Henry seconded the Motion. With no discussion, the Motion was passed and carried with a vote of 5-0 and no one opposed.

Councilman Durham made a Motion to go forward with the new contract with Southern Corrosion for maintenance of the water tower. Councilman Henry seconded the Motion. After some discussion, the Motion was passed and carried with a vote of 5-0 and no one opposed.